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NATURE OF CALL: SKI ACCIDENT DEATH / CORONERS CASE

LOCATION OF CALL: SQUAW VALLEY USA "BAILEY'S BEACH" RUN

CASE NUMBER: SO-02-685

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On January 12, 2002 at about 6:09 PM Squaw Valley USA ski patrol was directed to a ski accident near the bottom of the "Bailey's Beach" run. The victim, 11 year old Farah Aleem Mirza of Stockton, California, had apparently skied into a tree near the bottom of the run. Friends of Mirza witnessed the accident and called for ski patrol EMT's. Mirza suffered severe head trauma along with other complicating injuries. Mirza was unconscious but still had a pulse. A Calstar medic helicopter was ordered and responded from S. Lake Tahoe. Ski patrol began transport of Mirza down to the village, via tram. While enroute Mirza went into full cardiac arrest. By now the Cal-star nurse & crew had landed in the Squaw Valley parking lot and were driven to the tram building to meet ski patrol and the victim. Truckee Fire paramedics, ski patrol EMT's, Squaw Valley Fire personnel and the Calstar nurse continued life saving efforts at the tram building to no avail. Mirza was pronounced deceased at 7:02 PM by a Placer County Sheriff's Department Coroner's deputy. Mirza had been skiing at Squaw Valley with family and friends. Her family was notified immediately of her death. At this time Mirza's death has been ruled accidental by this office. The Placer County Coroner's division will complete a full coroner's investigation.

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